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Applicant: Matthew J. Chalek )  
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APPLICATION AND HOLDER DEVICE )  
Docket. No.: 7097.02.01 )

**Amendment and Response**

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 3, 2002, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 2, 4 and 19.

Please amend claims 1, 11, 13 and 18 as follows:

--1. (Amended) A therapeutic wrap, which is both selectively disposable as well as reusable, for applying a thermal pad to a body portion, said wrap comprising:

an elongated flexible strip of latex-free, disposable and reusable material having flexibility in the direction of elongation and having first and second side surfaces, first and second end portions and a mid portion therebetween, said elongated strip material being selectively severable along its length without unraveling at the severed end portion to selectively and variably adjust the length of said wrap;